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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

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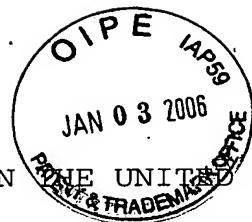
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FOR FAST SYNCHRONOUS READ IN A MEMORY SYSTEM

Amendment

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An Office action for the above-referenced application was mailed on October 19, 2005. In light of the following amendments and comments, a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

A Conclusion is on page 14.

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